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**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Our records indicate that we have not received any further correspondence in reference to the above-identified application since March 24, 2004 when we received the Notice of Publication of Application. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the application.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned's secretary, Preeti Thornton, were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Request or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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